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SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT OF BELGRADE MEETING: FRENCH
OPPOSITION TO NATO REPORT FOR THE SUMMIT

REF: STATE 96940 AND PREVIOUS

1. WE HAVE MADE DEMARCHE REFTEL TO MERILLON, ANDREANI,
AND DE LA FERRIERE (CHIEF OF THE SERVICE OF PACTS
AND DISARMAMENT). FRENCH CONTINUE TO TAKE AN IN-
TRANSIGENT POSITION OPPOSING A NATO CSCE REPORT FOR
THE SUMMIT. THEY DO ACCEPT INCLUSION OF A REFERENCE
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TO BELGRADE IN THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT.

2. BURDEN OF FRENCH ARGUMENT WAS THAT WHILE IT WAS
PERMISSIBLE TO HAVE A COMMON NATO DEMONINATOR ON
CSCE DURING NEGOTIATIONS, IT IS NOT WISE TO HAVE A
NATO EVALUATION NOW THAT THE BELGRADE ROUND IS OVER.
ANDREANI AND DE LA FERRIERE BOTH REFERRED TO THE

DIFFERENCES OF VIEW AMONG ALLIES, BUT WHEN WE NOTED THAT THESE COULD BE REFLECTED IN THE REPORT, THEY ARGUED THAT IN ANY CASE THE REPORT WOULD RUN COUNTER TO FRENCH OPPOSITION TO BLOC-TO-BLOC DIPLOMACY. WHEN WE NOTED THAT THE FRENCH POSITION COULD UNDERMINE A USEFUL PATTERN OF CONSULTATIONS, THEIR REJOINDER WAS THAT THERE WAS NO REASON TO CONCLUDE THAT THE FRENCH POSITION ON THE CSCE REPORT SETS A PRECEDENT.

3. IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING, WE SEE LITTLE HOPE THAT THE FRENCH WILL CHANGE THEIR POSITION.
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